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## MEDIEVAL ARTEFACTS WILL GO ON DISPLAY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE

The remains of a building from Northampton's medieval castle have been found on the site of the town's railway station.

Archaeologists working on the site ahead of the development of a new station, have found three 12th Century walls from a stone building, only a few feet beneath the station's car park.

Archaeologist Tim Upson-Smith said: "We certainly weren't expecting to find a stone building this well preserved and this close to the surface."

It is not yet known what the building would have been used for in medieval times, but it was located in the castle's outer bailey, away from the main royal apartments.

Mr Upson-Smith said: "The royal apartments were on a higher level than this. The royals may have walked down here at some point, but they would have spent most of their

time in the main royal areas."

Finds from the site have reflected the lives of the people that may have once lived there.

They have included hundreds of small pieces of pottery and many animal bones.

Mr Upson-Smith said: "We've had an awful lot of animal bones, including a dog's jaw, which could have been a hunting dog from the castle, or maybe a domestic animal."

Finds from the site will be put on display at Northampton's museum and at the new station building, which is due to be completed next summer.

The castle was once used as a seat of Parliament. It was partially demolished in 1662 under the orders of King Charles II because of the town's support for Parliament during the Civil War. The remnants of the building were taken by the Victorians for building work and the site was cleared in 1859 to make way for the railway station.



Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of a medieval building on the site of the town's former castle

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James Dacre, below, is joining Royal & Derngate, Northampton.

# Theatre announces its new artistic director

The Royal & Derngate has today announced the appointment of its new artistic director, following the departure of Laurie Sansom to head up the National Theatre of Scotland.

James Dacre has worked extensively in regional theatre as well as in London, having trained on the ITV/Channel 4 Regional Theatre Scheme at the New Vic Theatre in Stoke, where he later became resident artistic associate. A Fulbright scholar, he has also worked extensively in the United States.

His directing credits include the world premiere of The Mountaintop, by Katori Hall at Theatre503, which transferred to the West End and won the 2010 Olivier Award for Best New Play; As You Like It for Shakespeare's Globe and two European tours; King James Bible for

the Royal National Theatre and The Accrington Pals at the Royal Exchange, Manchester.

His premiere of The Thrill of Love by Amanda Whittington, performed at both the New Vic Theatre and Scarborough's Stephen Joseph Theatre, opened at the new St James Theatre in London last night.

Martin Sutherland, chief executive of Royal & Derngate, said: "We are delighted James will be joining the team here in Northampton, bringing his experience and enthusiasm to build on the successes we have enjoyed over the years. It was a very competitive field, and we are really encouraged by the quality of candidates who want to work in regional theatre."

Simon Fitch, senior manager at the Arts Council England, said: "I'm delighted James Dacre has been ap-

pointed. He comes to Northampton having developed a strong reputation as a director in regional theatres nationwide as well as in London. It's exciting that Royal & Derngate has again attracted one of the country's most exciting talents to take on its artistic leadership and we look forward to seeing James shape an artistic programme that audiences in Northampton will find entertaining, imaginative and relevant."

During Laurie Sansom's time in Northampton, the Royal & Derngate was named as regional theatre of the Year in the 2010 Stage awards and was described as 'the most exciting regional theatre of

the decade' by The Guardian's Michael Billington.

Productions of Spring Storm by Tennessee Williams and Beyond the Horizon by Eugene O'Neill, which he directed as part of a Made in Northampton season, led to him receiving a nomination for best director in the Evening Standard Awards.



## Laurie a 'huge act to follow'

Mr Dacre, who will start in the summer, said Laurie Sansom would be a "huge act to follow." He said: "I feel highly privileged to be joining the exceptional team at Royal & Derngate, one of the most exciting venues in Britain to be creating theatre today. "Few theatres enjoy such a close relationship with their audience.

"I want Royal & Derngate to continue living at the heart of its community while inspiring the country's most brilliant writers, actors and directors to create original theatre that will address the major concerns of our time. Northampton, with its rich mix of old and new, urban and rural, liberal and conservative, is the perfect place to do that."

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# Pothole plugs prove a big hit

**An overhaul of the way potholes are repaired in Northamptonshire has brought 'overwhelming improvements' since it was launched three years ago, including a dramatic drop in insurance claims against the cash-strapped authority, it has been claimed.**

In April 2010, County Hall introduced a Highways Maintenance Initiative (NHMI), triggered by the short-term pressures it was facing to fix potholes on the network caused by a succession of severe winters and hot weather conditions. Rather than dealing with the worst first, decisions were based on a "whole life cost" basis.

Three years on, a report before the county council's Cabinet shows the condition of some areas of the road network has improved dramatically. According to figures, 97 per cent of all permanent or semi-permanent repairs were carried out in the year to April 2012, compared with 90 per

cent in the first year of NHMI and, much more significantly, 45 per cent in the pre-NHMI period, leading to less repeat visits to repair sites.

In addition, the strategy switch has led to a reduction in CO2 emissions and fuel usage equating to £126,000 over the NHMI period.

Crucially, pre-NHMI there were 880 claims in the 12 months leading up to the switch and 465 in 2010-11 - a 47 per cent drop - followed by a further 53 per cent fall in 2011-12, to 217. In 2009-10, the county council treated 138,000 sq metres of road surface, a figure that leapt by 46 per cent the following year and by 24 per cent in 2011-12.

Tony Ciaburro, director of environment and transport at County Hall, said the authority had performed well, but urged caution: "Despite the success of NHMI, there are still many roads that have gone beyond the point where preventative type treatments are effective and these will require significant investment."



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News of the contract extension came after nearly 1,000 trains were cancelled or delayed between October and the end of December as a result of driver shortages, caused by a shortfall in the number of staff being fully trained.

Patrick Verwer, managing director of London Midland, said: "This gives us the stability for the next four years to continue to improve our service, and focus on providing the reliable, consistent service our passengers expect and deserve."

"We have seen a continuous period of improvement in our performance since December, and we will continue with our ongoing programme of driver recruitment and training."

"We will also continue to invest in our stations, and in new innovative technology, such as our new 110mph trains to London."

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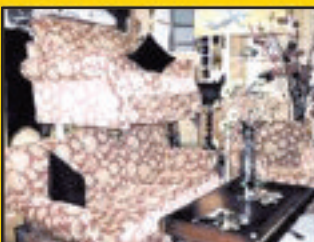
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# Mum's warning over needles discovery

**A mum-of-two is warning fellow parents to be vigilant after finding a box of used hypodermic needles near County Hall.**

Georgina Starmer was walking her four-year-old daughter along a wall in Fetter Street, Northampton, on Monday, when she made the unpleasant discovery.

She said any children who were not being supervised could easily have touched or stepped on the needles.

The box contained a number of bloodied needles and plasters, she said.

Miss Starmer, aged 31, of West Hunsbury, said: "My daughter was walking along the wall with my help, as kids do, and I could not believe what I saw.

"It was disgusting and my daughter could have stepped on it.

"And my two-year-old could have easily reached out and touched it had I not been holding their hand.



The discarded needles in Fetter Street

"It is 20 seconds' walk away from what is now the 'cultural centre'.

"No matter how vigilant you are, you can't stop children reaching out and touching things.

"It has left a sick feeling in my stomach at the thought of what might have happened, or what could happen to another

parent not as fortunate as me to notice it before a curious child did."

Miss Starmer reported the matter to Northampton Borough Council's environmental health department, and the needles were cleared up.

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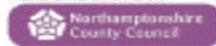


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More food waste will be collected across Northamptonshire over the next year

# Waste not, want not for greener energy

Recycling experts believe more than 11,000 tonnes of food waste will have been collected from Northamptonshire's homes by this time next year.

Homes in the county currently recycle 8,400 tonnes of kitchen scraps a year, but that figure is due to increase by 38 per cent in the next 12 months.

Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member, Councillor Ben Smith (*Con, Greens Norton*) said: "It's fantastic news. The waste goes to make renewable energy and leaves us with a product we

can use as a fertilizer, so it's a win-win situation."

Food waste collections were introduced in Northampton and Daventry in 2011.

East Northamptonshire Council later introduced its own collection service and by the end of 2013, homes in both South Northamptonshire and Corby will be able to recycle their food waste.

The increase in collections is expected to boost the amount of recycled scraps from 8,400 tonnes a year to 11,600, nearly enough to fill five Olympic size swimming pools.

Only the authorities in Kettering and Wellingborough have not yet decided to offer food waste collections.

Food waste currently makes up 18 per cent of rubbish collected in the county.

Some councils collected food waste with garden waste until 2001, when new regulations were brought in because of the foot and mouth outbreak.

The new regulations led to a change in the way food was recycled, making the process more expensive. That led to collections being scrapped for several years.

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**The build-up to Northamptonshire's elections has begun, with all the main parties vying for control of County Hall, having now released their manifestos.**

The election to control Northamptonshire County Council will be held on May 2.

Voters will pick 57 councillors to represent them on the authority, which is responsible for services as broad as libraries, schools, social services, roads and the fire service.

The vote will see the smallest ever number of councillors elected to County Hall after the figure was cut from 73 after the last election.

The reduction means the boundaries for election seats have changed radically, with many of the councillors who are elected in May representing much larger areas than their predecessors.

The Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties are expected to field candidates for all 57 seats. UKIP is



**The vote for control of Northamptonshire County Council will be held on May 2 this year**

expected to field more than 40 candidates.

Following the last election in 2009, the Conservatives had the most seats at County Hall with 56. They were followed by the Liberal Democrats with nine, Labour with six and two independents.

Following a handful of defections and resignations, the authority ended up in 2013 with 54 Conservatives,

10 Liberal Democrats, six Labour, two independents and one UKIP councillor.

The deadline to register to vote is Wednesday, April 17.

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# Safer fire suits plan

Firefighters across the county could be kitted out in new, lighter fire suits to help improve safety, Northamptonshire County Council has said.

Under the current contract, which ends in June 2014, the county council pays £280,000 a year for fire kit – known as personal protective equipment (PPE) – for crews across Northamptonshire.

The authority has now started searching for a new contact and said it would

consider “new fire-fighting textile technology” developments before signing it.

A council report, to be discussed next week, said: “We will ensure that recent research and development of new fire-fighting textile technology and design of the selected PPE is considered, to offer enhanced safety.

“This will include lighter, more comfortable clothing, which offers greater protection from flames and the effects of working in extreme environments.”

Officers said the equipment, which is leased, would not however, cost taxpayers any more money.

The report added: “The key point is that a replacement contract will not cost any more than the current provision, even taking into account inflation. It will cost £500 per fire fighter, per year for this provision. For Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue, this would currently mean a total of between £2.625m and £2.635m for the life of a 10-year contract.”

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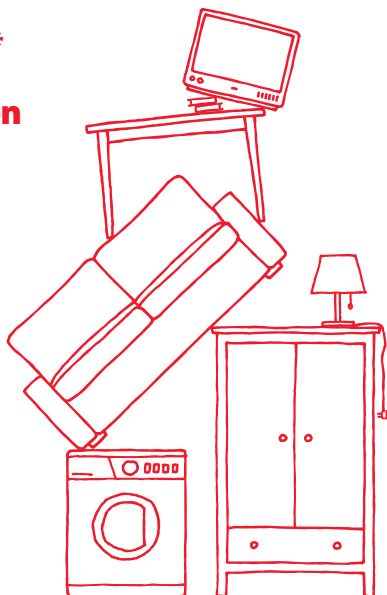
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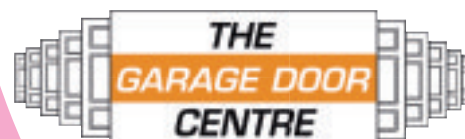
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# Exports are up, but firms report sales are dropping in the UK

**Many county firms have reported an increase in exports but a fall in UK sales, new figures released this week have revealed.**

The latest Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) results, released by Northamptonshire Chamber, showed a continuing trend for exporting, with a rise for the fourth consecutive quarter.

The survey covered 122 businesses employing 7,734 people across the county.

Just under 80 per cent of manufacturing firms who responded reported export sales had remained the same or increased during the first quarter of 2013.

But in the UK, only 56 per cent of manufacturing firms said sales had increased, down from 65 per cent in the last quarter. In the service sector, 84 per cent of businesses reported sales had increased



**Paul Griffiths.**

or stayed the same, but 18 per cent reported a decrease in advance orders.

Companies were more positive regarding their workforce. More than 80 per cent of

manufacturing firms expected their workforce to increase or stay the same, while the figure was an encouraging 96 per cent in the services sector.

Looking further ahead, 76 per cent of manufacturers expect turnover to improve or stay the same over the next 12 months and 67 per cent expect profitability to improve. In the services sector, 79 per cent expect turnover to improve and 74 per cent expect profitability to improve.

Paul Griffiths, chief executive of Northamptonshire Chamber, said: "It is positive to see the growing number of businesses in the county turning to exporting."

"There is no denying that times are still tough out there and businesses need support. Hopefully some of the business-friendly measures announced in the budget will go some way to helping them grow and invest."



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# Former headteacher hopes to have last word on book fund-raising bid for school

**By CALLUM JONES**  
Reporter  
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**A former headteacher is hoping to raise £10,000 for a county primary school from sales of a book of inspirational quotes from celebrities including Lord Sebastian Coe and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg.**

Tony Noble, aged 70, former headteacher of Sywell CofE and Moulton primary schools, has published 'Reflections', which features a collection of quotes, poems and bible readings chosen by well-known people.

Many of the celebrities who have contributed to the book have links to Northamptonshire, including Cobblers manager Aidy Boothroyd and former Northants County Cricket Club head coach David Capel.

Mr Noble said he had printed 1,000 copies of the book

which is being sold for £10.

All money raised from the sale of the book will be donated to Sywell CofE Primary School to help pay for a new school hall, which cost £710,000 and was paid for by the Diocese of Peterborough.

The school needs to raise 10 per cent of the cost of the hall, a total of £71,000.

Mr Noble, who has published a number of books in the past, said: "I wrote to all the celebrities and had about 10 per cent reply, which was, I thought, a good response."

"I think the book has a lot of variety and will appeal to readers of all ages."

"This is exactly what we wanted to achieve."

Mr Noble said he had sent a copy of the book to all the celebrities who contributed.

As a result, he had received a large amount of praise including Joanna Lumley who described it as a "marvellous book" and *Times* writer Melanie Reid who said it was "a great read".



Tony Noble with his book of inspirational quotes from celebrities, pictured with Sue Gardner, head of Sywell C of E, who helped with the book

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BY JONATHAN CROUCH  
www.motortoday.co.uk

**The Lotus Exige range has grown up but in the process it hasn't forgotten that its first duty is to entertain.**

The addition of the Roadster model to the line-up is a smart move. While it may have initially confused a few observers, the Roadster's powerhouse of an engine means

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Performance from the 3.5-litre V6 is ludicrous, with the Exige smashing its way from standstill to 60 in under four seconds. It'll make 100mph in around eight seconds, or only about a second shy of a Ferrari 458 Italia. A



Powerhouse of an engine

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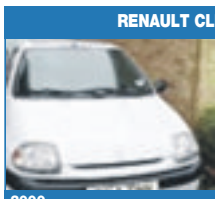
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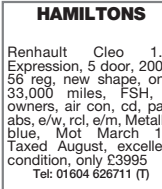
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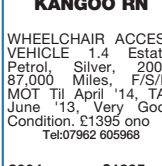
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### SOCIAL CARE

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### Support Worker (Female Only\*) REF: N/CCS/GMC

**Location:** Kettering  
**Shift Pattern:** 7pm-10pm Monday to Sunday (Part-time, split hours)  
**Rate of Pay:** Up to £8.40 per hour

Our client is a mature lady who lives on her own in a village near Kettering. She resides in a 2 bedroom bungalow with 24 hour support. She requires support with all her daily activities and personal care. This lady has a dog and occasionally smokes. She is mobile but does require the use of an electric wheelchair. You must be a car driver with full UK driving licence. Full and comprehensive training will be provided, together with a fuel card.

### Support Worker (Male Only\*) REF: N1/AG

**Location:** Northampton (approximately 5 miles north)  
**Hours:** Nights: 10pm-8am (including sleepover), Days: 8am-4pm  
**Rate of Pay:** Days: Up to £8.50 per hour, Nights: Up to £9.50 per hour, Sleepovers: £60 per night

We are looking for a male Support Worker to assist our client, a gentleman in his early 70s, who has a spinal cord injury and is wheelchair dependent. He lives at home with his wife and requires support with all his daily living activities and personal care. He has a good sense of humour and enjoys visiting family and spending time in his garden. We require a car driver and someone who would be willing to accompany our client on family visits to Europe. Key requirements for this post include experience preferred, good communication skills, car driver (aged 25+ for insurances purposes) with a full UK drivers licence and must be comfortable working in an environment with family pets.

### Team Leader Support Workers REF: N3/NW/TL REF: N3/NW/SW

**Location:** Northampton NN7 (rural location)  
**Hours:** On a rolling rotational basis between the hrs of 9am & 10.45pm  
**Rate of Pay:** £7 per hour rising to £8 per hour - following successful completion of probationary period

Our client, a young man in his twenties who is wheelchair dependent and with no fine motor function, lives at home with his parents. We are looking for motivational Support Workers who will be involved in encouraging our client's independence and creative mind by pursuing his interests including gardening, natural history, politics, cooking and computers - a proficiency in IT skills would be desirable. Support Workers will be required to deliver some personal care and to administer medication and non-invasive ventilation. We require non-smoking carers for this role as our client is prone to severe chest infections. Car driver preferred due to location of client.

### Support Workers REF: N1/CCS/VARIOUS

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**Shift Pattern:** 7am-3pm or 2pm-10pm (rolling rota - 4 days on, 2 days off)

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**Location:** Market Harborough  
**Work Pattern:** Live In Care - 2 weeks on, 2 weeks off  
**Rate of Pay:** £65 per day

Our client, a male in his early 50s with a spinal cord injury, requires live-in carers to assist him with all his daily living activities and personal care. Experience is desirable, but not essential as full training will be provided. Our client likes to socialise, so carers must be able to drive and have a full UK driving licence. You should not be averse to working in a smoking environment and you must like pets, whose care you may also be required to assist with. Some domestic duties will be required. If you are looking for a flexible and rewarding career, ICCM will invest our time in you so that you can achieve your full potential and will offer Holiday pay, Access to Childcare Voucher Scheme, Full and comprehensive paid training, Professional development opportunities.

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### DOMESTIC HELP

**Cook/Housekeeper** required for 20 hours work a week in exchange for cottage in South Warwickshire village. References please. Email [bpok10@hotmail.com](mailto:bpok10@hotmail.com)

### SOCIAL CARE

### Support Workers Northampton area

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# SPORT

## Cardoza's plea to supporters

### Cobblers chief says fans can help boost promotion bid

#### FOOTBALL

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**Cobblers chairman David Cardoza has launched an impassioned plea to the club's supporters to get fully behind the team as they bid to win promotion to npower League One.**

Despite suffering successive 1-0 defeats at rivals Cheltenham and Bradford City in the past week, the Cobblers' promotion fate is still in their own hands with four games of the season remaining.

Some supporters are beginning to get a little bit twitchy about the team's promotion hopes following the losses at Whaddon Road and Valley Parade, but Cardoza wants nothing but positivity surrounding the team.

And he is desperate to see packed houses at Sixfields for the remaining two home games of the season, the first of which is against York City on Saturday (ko 3pm) before Barnet come knocking on the final day of the season (April 27).

"The turnaround in the club has been quite phenomenal," said Cardoza.

"Just 13 months ago we

were bottom of the Football League and worrying about non-League football.

"Now we are four games away from possibly winning promotion.

"Would we have taken this 12 months ago? Would we have taken this at the start of the season? Would we have taken this at Christmas? Would we have taken this a week and a half ago?

"The answer is emphatically yes, yes, yes and yes."

And he added: "Aidy and the players deserve all the praise in the world and we know it will be a really exciting end to the season.

"I really hope that the public come and get behind Aidy and the players. It has not been easy this season.

"We have had our ups and downs, we have suffered the loss of Alex Nicholls and we have lost our skipper (Kelvin Langmead) to injury but we have battled on and the togetherness of the squad has shone through.

"Now I believe it is time for Cobblers fans everywhere to get right behind the lads, create a huge, passionate and noisy atmosphere and let's have a full Sixfields helping us in these crucial final two home games.

"We need the town, the county, the area and Cobblers fans all around the world right behind us."



CHEER US TO VICTORY – Cobblers chairman David Cardoza has launched an impassioned plea to the club's supporters

**BIG NAME** - Wales star George North has joined Northampton Saints on a three-year deal



## North signs for Saints

JIM MALLINDER labelled George North an 'outstanding talent' after Saints confirmed the signing of the Wales star.

North has signed a three-year deal at Northampton, after being released a year early from his Scarlets contract.

The capture of the wing is a major coup for Saints, who are showing real ambition ahead of next season. The club have already confirmed the

signings of the likes of Kahn Fotuali'i and Alex Corbisiero.

But it's North, the youngest ever Rugby World Cup try scorer and the first player to have won 20 caps for Wales while still in his teens, who will draw the most attention.

And Mallinder believes the 20-year-old can help Saints develop into regular contenders at home and abroad.

"George is an outstanding

talent and we're looking forward to him being a part of our squad for at least the next three years," he said.

"Despite still being at the start of his career he has shown repeatedly that he has the ability and temperament to succeed at the highest level of the game, and we believe that he will play a big role as we look to take the next steps in our development."